

WE CLAIM:

1. A process for the manufacture of a crystalline molecular sieve containing phosphorus in its framework, which process comprises treating a synthesis
5 mixture comprising elements necessary to form the phosphorus-containing molecular sieve and colloidal crystalline molecular sieve seeds for a time and at a temperature appropriate to form the desired molecular sieve.
2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing
10 molecular sieve is selected from aluminophosphates and silica-aluminophosphates.
3. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing molecular sieve is of the CHA or LEV structure type.
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4. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing molecular sieve is SAPO-34.
5. A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein the SAPO-34 is Ni-SAPO-34.
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6. A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein the percentage area contribution of Broensted acid sites to the total OH area in the IR spectrum is at least 30%.
7. A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the said contribution is at least
25 50%.
8. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seeds are of structure type LEV, OFF, or CHA.

9. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seeds are of Levyne, ZSM-45, Chabasite, Offretite, or SAPO-34.

10. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seeds are present in a
5 proportion within the range of 1 to 2000 ppm, based on the total weight of the synthesis mixture.

11. A process as claimed in claim 10, wherein the proportion is within the range of from 100 to 1500 ppm.

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12. A process as claimed in claim 10, wherein the proportion is within the range of from 100 to 250 ppm.

13. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the seeds are incorporated in the
15 synthesis mixture in the form of a suspension.

14. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle size of the seeds is within the range of from 5 to 1000 nm.

20 15. A process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the particle size is within the range of from 10 to 300 nm.

16. A process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the particle size is within the range of from 20 to 100 nm.

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17. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the phosphorus-containing molecular sieve is of a first structure type and the seeds are of a second structure type.

18. A process as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first structure type is CHA and the second structure type is LEV.
19. The molecular sieve product of the process as claimed in claim 1.
- 5 20. The molecular sieve of claim 19, in particulate or layer form.
21. SAPO-34 in which the percentage area contribution of Broensted acid sites to the total OH area in the IR spectrum is at least 30%.
- 10 22. A process for the conversion of an oxygenate to olefins which comprises contacting the oxygenate under catalytic conversion conditions with the molecular sieve of claim 19.
- 15 23. A process of hydrocarbon conversion, adsorption or separation employing the molecular sieve of claim 19, if desired after washing, cation exchange, or calcining.
- 20 24. In a synthesis of a phosphorus-containing crystalline molecular sieve, the improvement which comprises the use of colloidal crystalline molecular sieve seed crystals to effect at least one function selected from the control of the particle size of the product and the acceleration of the formation of the product.